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**GET college savings program hosts two local events**

*Information seminars help parents plan ahead*

**OLYMPIA** – Local parents wanting to learn more about Washington’s **Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program** can attend a **presentation on Wednesday, November 3 at Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School in Tumwater or on Thursday, November 4 at Margaret McKenny Elementary School in Olympia. Both events are scheduled from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.** Each informal event is designed to help local parents and grandparents understand how GET works, how its value is guaranteed, and how it can help families of young children afford college in future years. “It’s an opportunity for parents to get general information about the program and also a chance for them to ask individual questions,” said GET Director Betty Lochner.

GET is a 529 prepaid tuition plan, where college savings are guaranteed by state law to keep pace with rising tuition no matter how much it increases in the future. GET offers flexible savings options, as well as tax-free growth and withdrawals. GET units can be used at nearly any college, university or vocational school in the country. “Parents can save a lot on future college costs if they start early when their children are young,” said Lochner. “Saving even small amounts can make a big difference down the road.”

The information events will include a brief presentation with current enrollment materials and GET staff available to help families with individual questions.

To RSVP or for further information email [GETOutreach@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:GETOutreach@hecb.wa.gov) or call 1.800.955.2318.

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<b>WHERE:</b>	<b><i>Peter G Schmidt Elementary 225 Dennis St SE Tumwater, WA</i></b>	<b>WHERE:</b>	<b><i>Margaret McKenny Elementary 3250 Morse Merryman Rd SE Olympia, WA</i></b>
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